

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1785-1797. **Page S13165**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1788, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the medicare, medicaid, and SCHIP programs, as revised and added by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. (S. Rept. No. 106-199)

Report to accompany S. 438, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chipewewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation. (S. Rept. No. 106-200)

S. 1792, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, to fully allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular tax liability. (S. Rept. No. 106-201) **Pages S13164-65**

Measures Passed:

Georgia/South Carolina Boundary Change: Senate passed H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13191**

Prostate Cancer Research Funding: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 92, expressing the sense of the Senate that funding for prostate cancer research should be increased substantially, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13191**

Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act: Senate passed S. 1485, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States. **Page S13191**

Law Enforcement Training: Senate passed S. 1235, to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training. **Pages S13191-92**

Use of Rotunda for Presentation of Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 196, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13192**

African Growth and Opportunity Act Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa. **Pages S13109-13, S13119-22, S13127, S13133-37, S13141-44**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 341), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S13111**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. **Page S13147**

Official Photograph: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Senate photographer to take photographs of the desk of the late Senator Chafee. **Page S13190**

Appointment:

U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announced the appointment of Senator Feinstein as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Dorgan. **Page S13190**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Social Security System; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-68). **Page S13162**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

J. Richard Fredericks, of California, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thomas J. Motley, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—341)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 27, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13192.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on issues relating to the investigation into allegations of the Department of Energy's failure to protect the safety of the workforce and the environment at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, focusing on accelerating cleanup, protecting worker safety, and identifying health problems related to exposure to plutonium, after receiving testimony from Senator Bunning; Representative Whitfield; David Michaels, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, and Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant

Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy; Richard D. Green, Director, Region IV, Waste Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency; Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, and James Bickford, Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, both of Frankfort; David Fuller, PACE Union Local, Paducah, Kentucky; Steve Markowitz, Queens College, Flushing, New York; and Richard C. Bird, Jr., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

U.S. MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues of readiness of the United States military forces, after receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

DOD REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on the Department of Defense Real Property Management Program and the maintenance of the historic homes and senior officers' quarters, after receiving testimony from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, Sushil K. Sharma, Assistant Director, and Jonathan R. Tumin, Senior Evaluator, all of the Special Studies and Evaluations, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army for Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael W. Shelton, USN, Director, Facilities and Engineering Division, Chief of Naval Operations; Brig. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins, II, USAF, The Civil Engineer, United States Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, United States Marine Corps.

ALASKA SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the interpretation and implementation plans of subsistence management regulations for public lands in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; and Rick Cables, Regional Forester, and Jim Caplan, Deputy Regional Forester, both of the Alaska Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.